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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, District of Columbia 20231

Sir:

Please amend the enclosed patent application as indicated below prior to calculation of the filing fee.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1 of the specification, after the title of the application, please insert the following paragraph:

--CROSS REFERENCE TO OTHER PATENT APPLICATIONS

This application is a divisional application of serial number 09/ 256,263,
filed February 23, 1999, now patent number 6,210,363.--

IN THE CLAIMS

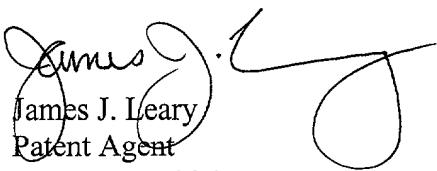
Please cancel claims 1-26, and amend the claims as follows:

In claim 47, line 1, change "claim 1" to --claim 27--.

CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that all of the claims pending in the present application define novel subject matter which is unobvious. Therefore allowance of such claims is submitted to be proper and is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully submitted,



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